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TWO TIME ZONES FOR THE COUNTRY
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered two zones for the country;

(b) if so, the name of the city from where time would be based on local time for the two zones; and

(c) the names of the countries that have multiple time zones?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Consequent upon representations received from few individuals and institutions, the requirement for two time zones for the country was considered by a Committee constituted under the Department of Science and Technology. After looking into all aspects of the case, the Committee has recommended continuance of the present system of single time zone.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Some countries which have a wide difference between the extreme longitudes have adopted multiple time zones. These countries are United States of America, Canada, Russia, Australia, Indonesia and Micronesia.